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THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN,
GRAND SECRETARY—GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

OUR GRAND SECRETARY.

THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN was born in Cumberland Co., New Jersey, Jan. 15, 1817.

Made a Master Mason in Nova Cæsarea Harmony Lodge No. 2 Cincinnati, Ohio, May 9, 1838.

Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Iowa City Chapter No. 2, Jan. 2, 1845.

Received the Royal and Select Master's degree in Dubuque Chapter No. 3, Dubuque, Iowa, Sept. 27, 1847.

Knighted in Apollo Commandery No. 1, Chicago, Jan. 10, 1855.

Received the A. & A. Rite degrees up to and including the 33° at the hands of Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander, in Sept. 13, 1859.

Represented Lodge No. 2 in Grand Lodge of Missouri in Oct. 1842-43.

Elected Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M. at the organization of the Grand Lodge Jan. 8, 1844, and has served as Grand Secretary ever since, save the year 1852 when he was honored with the office of Grand Master, though partially attending to the duties of Grand Secretary at the same time.

Edited a full set of the Annals of Grand Lodge from organization to date in thirteen large volumes.

Was Grand Orator in 1863 upon the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge, again in 1884 upon the laying of the corner stone of the Library building and in 1894 the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge. Was writer of reports on foreign correspondence for many years.

Presided over the convention that organized the Grand Chapter in June, 1854 and elected its Grand High Priest; declined re-election in 1857.

Elected Grand Recorder of Grand Council in Jan. 1857, upon its organization.

Elected Grand Master of Grand Council in Aug. 1860.

Was a member of the convention that organized the Grand Commandery and was elected its first Grand Commander in 1864 and re-elected the following year.

Represented the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery in the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment of the U. S. for many years.

Presided over the convention that organized the Grand Consistory in June, 1868.

Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, Ohio and Missouri as well as serveral others.

Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of England, Egypt and other foreign countries.

Was for fifteen years Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampmeut K. T. of the U. S. and founder and builder of its library on Templarism and Templar Masonry.

Is Grand Representative of the Grand Priory of Canada to the Grand Encampment K. T. of the U. S.

Grand Representative of the Supreme Council of England to the Supreme Council of the U. S.

Edited the *Western Freemason*, 1859-60, at Muscatine.

Edited the *Evergreen*, at Davenport, 1871-72.

Edited Iowa Department of *Gouley's Magazine*, of St. Louis, in 1873.

Has been correspondent for a large number of the various Masonic, historical, scientific and literary publications of the country.

Was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in 1837 and entered at once upon the practice of the law. During his preparatory studies was two years principal of of one of the public schools of the city.

Was appointed Private Secretary to Governor Lucas in 1838 and removed at once to Iowa Territory; first located at Burlington the capital, subsequently removed to Bloomington, now Muscatine.

Was Prosecuting Attorney for one of the three districts, (the second) into which Iowa was divided.

Elected three consecutive terms as Judge of Probate Court.

Secretary of Legislative Council during session of '40 and '41.

Clerk of U. S. District Court for eleven years.

In 1856 elected Registrar of the State Land office.

Was first Territorial librarian, purchased the Territorial library which was the foundation of the present state library.

Indebted to the public school system of Ohio, and later Woodward and Cincinnati Colleges for a liberal education; receiving his Master's degree from Miami University and the Honory degree of Doctor of Laws from the State University of Iowa. He has always been interested in the educational work of the state. President and member of school boards of Muscatine and Iowa City.

Trustee of State University.

Curator and librarian of State University,

Professor of Natural History, etc., in that institution for many years.

Was one of the institutors of the State Historical Society and member of its Board of Curators and for years Corresponding Secretary and edited its Annals: has been also one of its most liberal contributors.

As Special Deputy he constituted the Grand Lodge, Chapter and Commandery of Dakota and later North Dakota, and for which service he was several years later made the recipient of a magnificent gold watch, specially manufactured for the purpose and properly inscribed, as a token which he has ever since worn with honor to himself and credit to the donors.

Besides he has been made the recipient at various times of valuable jewels fron the Grand Chapter of Iowa, Grand Lodges of England and Egypt, the Grand Priory of Canada, Supreme Council of England, and his brethren in many cities and states.

He has ever numbered among his intimate friends and correspondents many of the most distinguished and enlightened Masons and citizens of the U. S. and Europe.

But probably he will be better and longer known and remembered by the monument he himself has erected to the glory of Masonry and of the state, in the founding and building of the great Masonic library, and its large museum attached with its famous Iowa Department, surpassing all others in its collection of works by Iowa authors, and publications relating to Iowa.

His private library, in its day the largest of the state, he some years since divided among his children and some half dozen of the leading educational, historical, scientific and other societies of the state.

A MORGAN INCIDENT.

The phrase "a good enough Mason until after the election" was uttered by Thurlow Weed. The origin of the saying is this: In 1826, William Morgan, a Freemason, said he intended to publish a book revealing "the secrets of the Freemasons." Within a short time he disappeared. Non-Masons became excited and a "committee of vigilance and safety," was formed among them, which traced Morgan from Batavia, N. Y., to Fort Niagara, where all trace was lost. A body found in the Niagara river was said to be his, and the non-Masons said he had been murdered by the Masons for revealing their secrets. An anti-Masonic party was formed, which had presidential candidates, and from 1826 to 1836 showed vitality that now seems amusing and strange. It was apropos of the body found in the river that Weed made the remark that is now almost a proverb. It is still an open question as to what became of Morgan. He is said to have been seen in Smyrna, Asia Minor, some time after his disappearance from New York state.—*Masonic Journal.*

Work still continues regularly in the various lodges of the Jurisdiction in the various degrees.

THE EARLY HISTORY OF IOWA MASONRY.

III.

GLEANINGS FROM THE ANNALS.

[BY THE EDITOR.]

The Editor must sympathize with the reader in the evident loss it will be to him not to be permitted to follow the more able historian whose articles preceded these humble offerings to the fund of Iowa Masonic knowledge. We hope Dr. Parvin will favor us in the future with something more on the subject.

1844. There were delegates present at the convention from Keokuk—E. H. Spinning and J. W. B. O'Hara, and it was voted to allow them to sit in the body and participate in the discussions; but it was found that the Grand Lodge of Illinois had suspended their dispensation, hence they could not legally enjoy the privilege. The same courtesy was extended to delegates from Clinton Lodge (U. D. from Mo.) of Davenport. Jas. Webb, W. M. Revilo Noble and Rev. Z. H. Goldsmith were the delegates reported. Delegates were present from Rising Sun Lodge No. 12, (Ill.) but were not seated as the Grand Lodge of Illinois had wrested their charter from them and they were without standing.

It was resolved to invite all Master Masons, present in the city, to sit (as visitors) in the convention.

At the evening session, Jan. 2, 1844, the Constitution and Code of By-Laws were adopted and accepted. The election of Grand Officers occured at the afternoon session of Wednesday, Jan. 3, as follows: Oliver Cock, Burlington, G. M.; Timothy Fanning, Dubuque, G. S. W.; William Reynolds, Iowa City, G. J. W.; B. S. Olds, Bloomington, G. Tr.; T. S. Parvin, Bloomington, G. Sec.; A. S. Hampton, Iowa City, (App) D. G. Sec. Ansel Humphreys, D. D. G. M., of Mo., was solicited to constitute the Grand Lodge of Iowa and install the officers thereof on Monday evening, January 8. The convention then adjourned to meet with the officers elect on the above date at 10:00 a. m.

Between the dates above named Bro. Wm. Abby, of Marion, (afterward first W. M. of No. 6) was employed to go on horseback to Burlington to inform the G. M. elect of his elevation, and to procure his attendance on the date of institution. For this service the Grand Lodge afterward voted him $10 as compensation.

The convention reassembled on January 8; after the reading of the minutes, Bro. J. H. McKenny, proxy for the W. M. of Burlington Lodge withdrew and Mr. Cock, the W. M. took his seat as a delegate. The Grand Master appointed the following additional Grand Officers: Ansel Humphreys, Bloomington, D. G. M.; Rev. C. H. Goldsmith, Davenport, G. Chap.; G. W. Cummins, Dubuque, S. G. D.; S. M. Ballard, Iowa City, J. G. D.; A. G. Beeson, Iowa City, G. Ty.; Isaac Magoon, Bloomington, G. Mar.; S. C. Trowbridge, Iowa City, S. G. S.; Ezra Bliss, Iowa City, J. G. S.; J. H. LcKenny, Burlington, G. Sd. Br.; Stephen Hempstead, Dubuque, G. Pursuivant.

GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTED.

At the evening session, the forms of final adjournment, the opening of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, for the special purpose, and the installation of Grand Officers, were gone through with in due form. An oration was delivered by Hon, Joseph Williams, and the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was completed. The procession returned to the hall of Iowa City Lodge, where the First Grand Master of Iowa was inducted into the oriental chair, who then ordered the Grand Secretary to summon the Grand Lodge of Iowa, after being done, and the Grand Lodge opened *in due and ancient* form on the third degree, Rev. John Horner led in prayer.

Appointments were confirmed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as previously made!

The credentials of four Lodges were examined and found correct.

Charters were granted in the order in which they now appear on the Iowa Register.

A resolution was adopted that each subordinate lodge, require any of its members when *demitting*, to procure a diploma from the Grand Secretary, and for safety, the brother so applying, shall produce a certificate from the lodge of which he is a member, stating that all dues are paid and that he is a worthy member of his lodge.

The lodges at Davenport and Keokuk were offered permission, on compliance with certain condition, to receive dispensations free of expense. Rising Sun Lodge of Montrose was to be permitted to deposit their (Ill.) Charter and take out a substitute, on producing certificate of good standing in their Grand Lodge.

The returns show at the close of this first Grand Communication four lodges with a membership of 101. Their stand was as follows:

Des Moines, No. 1, Burlington. Chartered—October 20, 1841 by Missouri; January 8, 1844 by Iowa.

Iowa, No. 2, Muscatine. Chartered—October 20, 1841 by Missouri; January 8, 1844 by Iowa.

Dubuque, No. 3, Dubuque. Chartered—October 10, 1843 by Missouri; January 8, 1844 by Iowa.

Iowa City, No. 4, Iowa City. Chartered—October 10, 1843 by Missouri; January 8, 1844 by Iowa.

MISSOURI—IOWA.

As a slight review and confirmation of the earlier statements in these articles we now quote from Dr. Vincil's historical articles in *The Masonic Constellation*, for April, 1895, what he finds on record in Missouri regarding the Iowa lodges.

1841. "Two lodges had been created and instituted in the Territory of Iowa; one at Burlington, and afterward chartered as Des Moines Lodge No. 41, and Iowa Lodge No. 42, at Bloomington. These as it will appear hereafter, remained in obedience to this Grand Lodge until 1844, when they, with other lodges likewise created by this Grand Lodge, joined in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. A singular fact appears on record in the published list of members of lodges. The Grand Lodge at this session chartered two subordinate lodges in the Territory of Iowa. The name of Theodore S. Parvin appears in each; in one he is Secretary, in the other Junior Deacon. How he managed to serve both, one lodge being located at Des Moines, and the other at Bloomington, can best be explained by this venerable Mason who has been in active service in his jurisdiction for fifty years."

[The good Doctor mistakes; the lodge was at Burlington and not Des Moines—It was Des Moines Lodge No. 41, Burlington.—ED.]

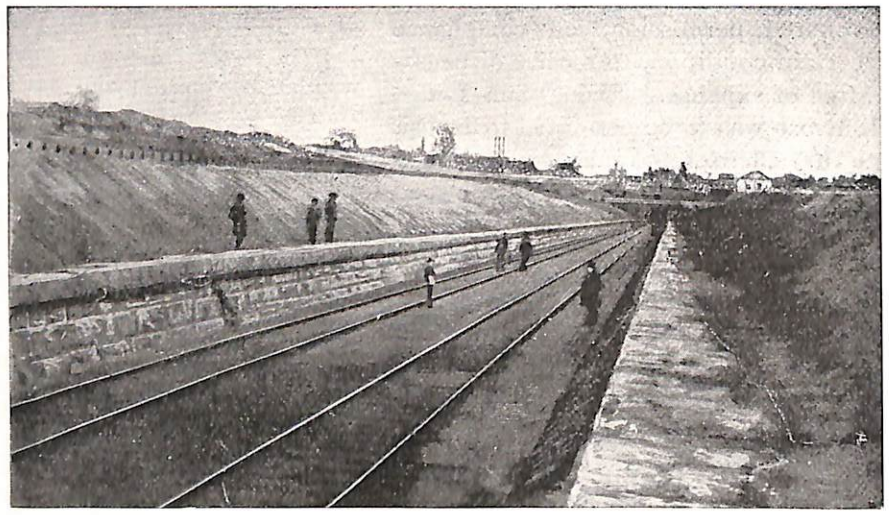
1843. "Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, already mentioned in these pages represented Iowa Lodge No. 42, (G. L. Mo.) Charters were granted to lodges at Dubuque and Iowa City, in the State (Territory) of Iowa, and representatives of said lodges, were by vote, allowed to take seats in the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Missouri, having created four lodges in the jurisdiction of Iowa, became the Mother of Masonry in that now flourishing State. These lodges united to form a Grand Lodge in 1844. Said lodge was composed at its organization, of Des Moines No. 41, Burlington; Iowa No. 42, Bloomington; Dubuque No. 62, Dubuque; and Iowa City No. 63, Iowa City. Brother Theodore S. Parvin, who has labored so long and zealously in behalf of Masonry in that jurisdiction, was the active agent in working up the necessary constituency of the Grand Lodge. He has done more to establish and make representative symbolic Masonry than any individual in his adopted State. That this venerable laborer and tireless worker has been influenced through all the years by a sincere purpose no one will doubt. * * At this session a dispensation formerly granted to Clinton Lodge, in Davenport, Iowa, was continued; no record of its future history is found in the journal.

(*To be continued.*)

GOING TO BOSTON?

At a recent meeting of the Triennial Committee of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, the official route to Boston was decided upon and the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY, with its numerous attractive scenes and historic places was selected with the following itinerary:

Leaving Iowa points August 21, so as to leave Chicago via the Chicago and Grand Trunk, at 3 p. m., August 22, arrive at Niagara Falls 7:30 a. m., August 23. Here a halt of seven hours will be made for sightseeing. Leave at 3:30 p. m. for Toronto, fore dark. The fare from Chicago for the round trip including Quebec, will be $22.00. Those who desire the boat ride on the St. Lawrence river will pay $3 additional. The expense for sleeping car privileges, which all must take who go in the special trains, will be announced later, and in the circulars soon to be issued by the undersigned to whom application should be made. Meals will usually be taken at stations enroute, with ample time, at a cost of 50 cents each. Persons desirous of information about the location of sleeping cars in Iowa, should write to Geo. W. Bever, Cedar Rapids, or



APPROACH TO ST. CLAIR TUNNEL FROM PORT HURON, MICH.
ON THE LINE OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

where from 6 to 8 p. m. it is likely the Shriners will give a reception to the visitors. A night ride will then be made to Kingston, where those who desire can take the trip down the St. Lawrence river to Montreal, arriving at 6 p. m. A halt will be made here until 11 p. m. The next halt will be in Quebec, where, from 8 a. m., till 9 p. m. the historic sights of this ancient city can be taken in. The next stop will be made at Groveton in the White Mountains, on August 26, after which the train will run to Boston in time to get fixed in quarters before general information to E. H. Hughes, General Western Passenger Agent C. & G. T. Ry., 103 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine who want to go with the El-Kahir Temple train which joins the Templar train at Chicago, should write to Jno. W. Geiger, Marion, Iowa. Full information will be given in the various circulars soon to be issued, and those who wish to secure the advantages of the trip should arrange with the committees at once. Watch these columns for the location of sleepers, in the July number at latest. For quarters in Boston or Nantasket write to Benj. W. Rowell, 28 School Street, Boston, Mass. As may be noted by the illustrations we shall give from time to time, the trip is going to be full of interest. Those who are looking for a trip that will bring them back by another than the original route going can ticket so as to return via the beautiful LEHIGH VALLEY ROUTE through the grandest scenery that the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York afford. Every comfort to be found on any line can be had on this one, and Mr. Hughes will arrange for those who wish it on the terms allowed for travel over more than one route going and coming.

MASONRY IS DIFFERENT.

When we compare the Masonic fraternity with other societies of its kind it is remarked that there is a difference. Others can easily trace the original date of their beginnings, and some now grown to honorable age are celebrating anniversaries of greater or less length. Who ever heard of the celebration of a fiftieth or a five hundredth anniversary of Masonry? We hear of revivals; of years of slow but sure decline in one section, then a luminous revival of interest; of suppression, persecutions and even martyrdom for its name, then a sweeping wave of popular favor that would carry it to a zenith height. Masonry is different in many ways from other societies. The lessons it imparts are peculiar to it alone in all the world. This is witnessed to by the efforts put forth in vain, to produce a similar system without presenting essentially the same substance. Its elaborate system covers far wider moral and social grounds than any other society, yet incurs no suspicion among the fair minded, of interfering with any man's duty to his God, his country, his neighbor or himself. Freemasonry in its fundamental character is symbolic of our highest, noblest form of healthful life; each craftsman is educated to regard himself as a workman. Other orders, some within the Masonic fraternity, are founded upon some chivalric tradition, some specific virtue, or some holy doctrine; but the symbolic degrees are throughout pointedly set forth as instructing workmen in a useful trade, "whereby they may receive Masters' wages and be the better enabled to support themselves, their families, and contribute to relieve distress among their brethren." Masonry is non-competitive—it bids for no patronage, asks no man to lay aside his prejudices and join it, nor does it try to enlarge its numbers at the expense of others. In that most sanguine struggle our country ever saw or ever will see, Masonry passed through its awful years affording succor not only to those who made themselves known as such, but lightening the cruelty of war in wider circles, without bringing the breath of scandal upon itself on either side. Yes, Masonry is different. Ancient and honorable; it is a growth, a development, an evolution, and its highest form and beauty lies in its being the embodiment of a system of moral and social ethics, to which no man can lay claim to be the author. One, only, stood where he could say "I am the light of the world." "He taught as one having authority." To his philosophy of life, to his beautiful parables and signs we can alone turn with any hope of discovering the interpretation of this singular and noble institution founded upon belief in God, and the practice of "brotherly love, relief and truth."

From present indications, the attendance at Grand Lodge next month promises to be up to the usual number and we hope and believe the interest will be greater than usual, from first to last.

By the Iowa papers we note that Sir Knight and Noble Matt. Parrott is a candidate for the nomination for Governor of Iowa. We've no doubt about his ability, and if the Iowa people make him Governor we'll stay by him all right.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Marshalltown, June 4, 1895.
Nebraska, Omaha, June 12, 1895.

IOWA GRAND LODGE.

AT MARSHALLTOWN, JUNE 4, 1895.

Before our next number comes from the press, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will have been held. The Grand Lodge school, conducted by the Custodians, will be opened May 31, and continued over to June 3. The Grand Lodge proper opens on the morning of June 4. The advantages of reduced fare on the railroads can only be secured *by taking a receipt for fares paid whenever a ticket is bought going to Marshalltown.* Much useless annoyance can be saved the officers and brethren if *on arrival* they leave their certificates with the proper committee for registry and indorsement. Let the representatives of the lodges arrange to be present at all the work, including the school. The most commonplace business of the Grand Lodge is too important to allow any of it to escape the notice of every member. Let us go up to their great annual feast, more thoroughly loyal to Ancient Craft Masonry and its principles than we have ever been before. Here's to the harmony, growth and success of Iowa Freemasonry. May she ever prosper.

CUSTODIAN'S LETTER.

Dear Brother Geiger:—My labor for the Masonic year is near its end, aside from assisting my colleagues at the Grand Lodge school to be held at Marshalltown on May 31, and June 1 and 3.

Visitations have been made to Boone, Denison, Carroll, Neola, Shelby, Marble Rock, Garner and Forest City since my last letter.

On account of the forwardness of the season, fully one dozen places have requested me to cancel appointments, so that now I am visiting Traer and from here will go to Washington the 8th inst., to visit Lodge No. 26. This will probably finish my work for the season.

I had an appointment made for Washington April 16, 17 and 18, but was forced to cancel that engagement on account of our District Court summoning me for a witness, so was obliged to obey or be in contempt, and I preferred the former.

I anticipate a good attendance at our next Grand Lodge school, from expressions made at the several lodges visited by me during the past four months. Trusting that peace and prosperity may attend the Craft everywhere, I am,

Fraternally Yours,
GEO. B. VAN SAUN.

We will next month devote considerable space to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Extra copies can be ordered in advance only, at the rate of $1.00 per dozen, in any quantity.

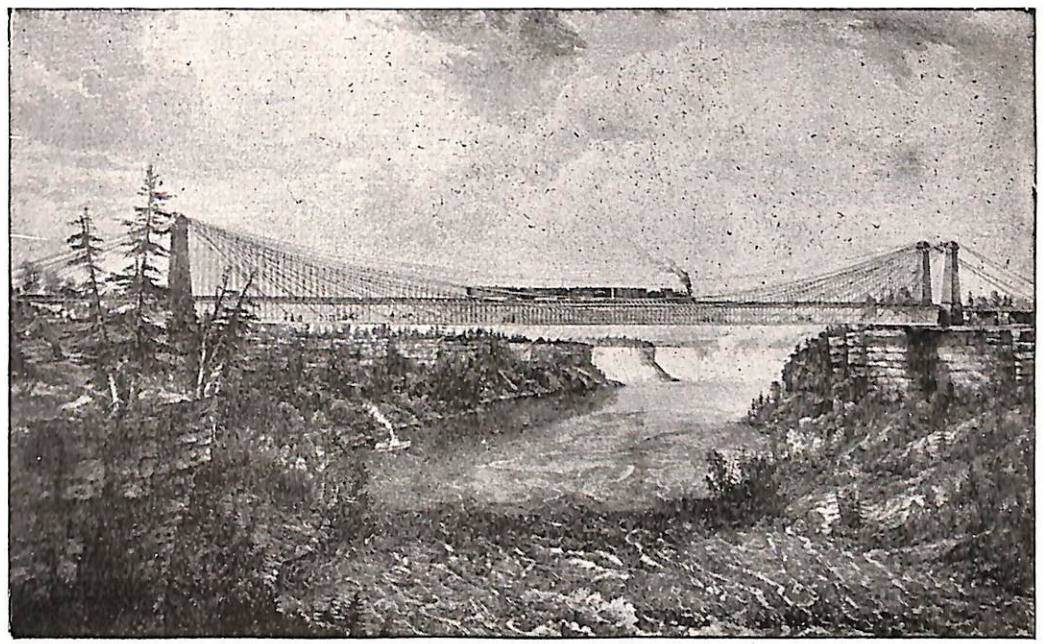
The new Temple in Marion is reported to be waiting the action of the directors, on such bids as may be received up to a certain date, now near at hand. No town needs it worse and we hope when builded all may be able to say "Grace unto it."

In this city, the plans are now being formulated for the completion of a Temple, such as Masonry deserves, and we are informed that when fully decided upon the plans will comport with a home suitable for the work of all the bodies. So mote it be.

It was our privilege to participate in one of the most pleasant and helpful Masonic entertainments given by Des Moines Lodge No. 1, and Malta Lodge No. 318, of Burlington. It was Thursday evening, April 18, 1895. We especially enjoyed meeting the many old acquaintances among whom P. G. M., E. C. Blackmar, Brother J. H. Pettibone and J. W. Laverty were as festive as young boys at a party. Every feature from the banquet to the lancers was full of go and enjoyment.

THE ANNALS.

To one privileged to examine the proceedings of so honorable and influential a Masonic body as the Grand Lodge of Iowa, it is a most instructive course of reading. The pursuit is not unmixed with feelings of sadness as the eye meets with the long roll of names once busy amid the scenes of these great gatherings, now mostly enrolled among the dear departed. It causes a sense of tenderness of heart toward even the erring, to think of the giants who aforetime wrestled with the grave difficulties that surrounded the legislation of the craft. Here and there appears interlinear evidences of smouldering fires of difference, that breathed upon, like slumbering coals, glowed with fervent heat and lifelong burnings. Out of the humble beginnings of half a century, slowly but surely has grown a body of men and brethren who annually sit in grand communication upon the labors of twenty-five thousand members. The lessons of these half hundred years of labor are written, not buried within the aging leaves of the annals and they are a memorable collection of documents. May those of us who have inherited the results of our Masonic fathers, be worthy of the honor conferred upon us, and may the volumes that grow within our years contain nothing that would cause a brother, his mother, wife, sister or daughter to blush were it to come under their eyes and be read by them. These annals are the story of progress, peaceful and fraternal; the clashings of warfare come not nigh them, nor should the language of strife ever be imprinted upon them, but only the glorious emulation of those who can work and agree.



GRAND TRUNK RAILROAD SUSPENSION BRIDGE—NIAGARA FALLS.
ON THE LINE OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

The fraternal obligation is a pledge of faith and honor to one another. He who does not keep it is not worthy of membership.—*Tacoma Review.*

Texas has 577 lodges with 27,336 members now in working order.

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Boston, Mass., Aug. 27, 1895.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1895.
Missouri Grand, St. Louis, April 23, 1895.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF IOWA.

APARTMENTS OF GRAND COMMANDER.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4.

WEST UNION, Iowa, April 10, 1895.

The committee on special jewels for wives and daughters of Knights Templar of Iowa, having selected such jewel and the same being appropriate for the purpose intended.

Now therefore said jewel is hereby approved by me, and the same adopted as a standard jewel as provided by action of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa. A cut and description of said jewel is attached to this order.

Witness my hand this 10th, day of April, A. D. 1895, A. O. 777.

D. W. CLEMENTS, G. C.

The jewel is of gold; the word "Iowa" and inner part of crown in black enamel; the Templar cross in white enamel with gold border and motto in gold; the passion cross in red enamel. Raised cross and crown. The jewel can be made for pin or pendant, and of such size, quality and finish as desired.

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During August this year thousands of us will be going and coming to and from the Great Triennial Conclave at Boston. No time in all a Templar's life is as likely to show the need of remembering his knightly vows as then. With splendid trains, none so poor as to need charity, there will yet be scores who will need the courtesy—mingled with patience. Some will be unused to travel; some will ask useless questions; some will get sick; some will get left behind, and where there are so many some will get the poor seat at the table or a lowly place in the synagogue. It should be a chief characteristic of the Templar host that no breath of criticism shall justly lie against us for selfishness and discourtesy in the presence of strangers. And as Knights Templar, we hope, sincerely, that the spirit of our blessed King Immanuel will make us wondrous kind to each other whenever we meet *In Hoc Signo Vinces.*

The Boston Souvenir badge is described as follows: A cross of Salem purple, bearing that of the hospital gulls charged with the seal of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and encircled with the inscription, "Twenty-sixth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, K. T. of the U. S." pendant from two swords in saltire, point upward, whereon is a scroll enarched displaying the words, "Boston, 1895," and the arms of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; crest, a Knight's helmet. One of these badges will be given to each Sir Knight who attends the Triennial in August next. A lapel button will also be worn. To many they will be "things of beauty and a joy forever."

We are glad to note the fact that Honorius No. 8, McGregor, had work in the Order of the Temple, March 29 and April 25, and have another candidate for May.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

To Bro. A. M. Wolikin, Grand Secretary, for the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, for 1894.

To Comp. C. G. Foy, Buffalo, N. Y., Grand Secretary, for a copy of the Proceedings, 1895, Grand Chapter of New York.

To Comp. Chas. Cary, Grand Secretary, of Philadelphia, Pa., for the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, for 1894.

To Sir Richard Lambert, of New Orleans, La., for the Official Proceedings of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of his state, received May 8, 1895.

To Sir James A. Knapp, Recorder, Marion, Ohio, for a copy of Easter service used by Marion Cammandry, 36 K. T., also a beautiful Masonic calendar giving information of great local and general value.

EASTER ECHOES.

From Sir Knight, W. E. Kregel, of Garnabillo we learn that Honorius No. 8 went to Elkader for their service; and in appreciation of their reception they passed suitable resolutions of thanks to Rev. F. L. Fisk, the preacher for the day, also to the choir and the ladies for decorations.

We hear of eloquent sermons and beautiful services on Easter Sunday conducted at various places. Dr. Strickland addressed one hundred Knights and crowds of other people at Sioux City on "The Crusaders." Le Mars Commandery was present and participating. Rev. Dr. Waterman spoke to the Templars at Geneseo, Ill., in an eloquent historical sermon; The ladies of the O. E. S. very appropriately participated. The Commanderies at Anamosa, Monticello. Cedar Rapids and Marion united in a service at Anamosa, with the writer as preacher. The opera house was crowded with an attentive audience. Temple Commandery No. 4, Des Moines, held an Easter evening service in their Asylum, with the address by Sir Edwin N. Conger.

Malta No. 31, Ottumwa, has created some fifteen Knights Templar during the past year and are still actively at work. Sir Knight James Coe informed us there is under way a "stag party" of 24 forming to go to Boston, via the Milwaukee Railway and that the expense to each participant is to be $57.00 for all expenses of the round trip. The itinerary touches most points of the official route of the Iowa Templar trains.

A. A. S. R.

TO A. A. S. R.

The bodies of this Rite will hold their Tenth Special Reunion in Des Moines, May 21-24, 1895, and we thank the Registrar, G. F. Selleck 33°, for a copy of their fine notice.

The Iowa bodies are reported making good progress. A prospective class of good proportions is forming for the Lodge of Perfection at Cedar Rapids.

The Fortieth Annual Reunion of the Chicago bodies of this Rite was held April 23-5, 1895. As is usual with this progressive city, every department was in the best form and every degree perfectly worked.

Illustrious W. B. Melish 33° has again been honored by the Masonic Fraternity, in being elected unanimously to the Command of the Ohio Scottish Rite bodies. He succeeds Enoch T. Carson, and is a worthy successor to that renowned Mason. Here's our greeting to the Commander in Chief.

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"IN ITS SPHERE."

The Trestleboard, of San Francisco, takes exception to our article on the above subject, published in a former number; this is what he says:

"We are sorry that our contemporary has so low an opinion of Masonry, and is so plain to utter his sentiments. We esteem Masonry above all sects or sectarianism. It is the only true religion in the world, for under its banners can men of every nation and condition unite without dissension. Its creed is embodied in one sentence, viz.: The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

Now, we, in our turn are sorry that *our* contemporary should have such an extravagant opinion of the relations of Masonry to other voluntary organizations for the saving of men to a better life. We see nothing in his statements to bind the conscience of any other than himself, thereto, any more than our opinion could do. We do not wonder at the proposition to set up a Sunday Masonic worship in California when so able a Journal goes it in the language above quoted. No, dear *Trestleboard*, we don't believe that Masonry is religion, and least of all in the sense that you choose to put it.

PLENTY OF ROOM.

The Triennial Committee of Boston, pointedly assure all Sir Knights who contemplate going to the Conclave next August that there is PLENTY OF ROOM and at reasonable rates if the usual precaution is observed of writing to Sir B. W. Rowell, 28 School St., Boston, or through your own State Committee for suitable quarters. The rumors to the contrary are pronounced false, there's plenty of room in Boston, so get a move on you, and secure your place, through authoritive sources, and you will not need to kick, or if it comes, you will know what or who to aim at. Let the plumes wave for the great trip to Boston-town.

TEMPLE CONTRACT LET.

The contract for the erection of the Masonic Temple of Marion, Iowa, was let May 15, to A. H. Connor & Co., of this city. The work is to begin June 1 and be completed in ninety days thereafter. We certainly rejoice at the prospect of a proper home for our Masonic bodies.

GRAND LODGE NUMBER.

We expect next month to give large space to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and those who expect to order extra copies should be about it, as we do not lay by any numbers of any issue. $1.00 per dozen, cash with the order.

WE had in type an article accompanied by cuts and ground plan of the new Masonic Temples at Washington and Mason City. Both are crowded out by the necessity to give place to memorial matter.

WE are in receipt of the sad news that Mrs. Alice McCracken, wife of Bro. John W. McCracken of Woodward, has passed away. Her funeral was held April 18, 1895, and attended by a large number of sorrowing friends aud acquaintances.

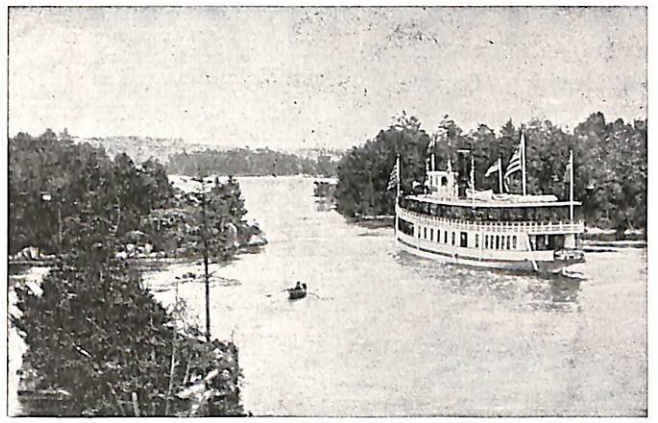
WORK IN THE QUARRIES.

By the hand of Brother A. C. Comstock, of Stone City, we received the clipping given below, describing the holding of a Lodge in the ancient quarries of King Solomon.

"Lewis Parker, prominent in Masonic circles, and Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, was one of the many Freemasons who visited the Holy Land and held a special session of the Masonic Lodge in the King Solomon quarries. There were thirty-four Master Masons in the party, and they have just returned home.

Mr. Parker has presented Trenton Lodge No. 5, of which he is a member, a souvenir gavel given to him as one of the officers who assisted in this remarkable session in the cradle of Masonry. New York will have as its souvenir a large block of limestone granite cut from the King Solomon quarries, and it is to be used in the new Masonic Temple now being completed at Albany.

The Masons of the Friesland expedition after their arrival in Jerusalem, proposed the plan to the members of the Royal Mother Lodge No. 293 of Jerusalem. This lodge is twenty-four strong, and is composed of merchants and importers, mostly all English-speaking men, a few, however, being natives. It conducted the session of the lodge March 6th in a labyrinth of the quarries that extended under ground. The place was directly under the Mosque of Omar, assumed to be the site of King Solomon's Temple. Those who participated in the session of the lodge had to carry candles and lanterns, for the cavern was pitch dark, and what little light could have come in was shut out by a door at its mouth. The Jerusalem Lodge furnished all the necessary paraphernalia. The minutes of the lodge were printed and copies were distributed by the Jerusalem brethren as souvenirs."



THOUSAND ISLANDS VIEW.
ON THE LINE OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

CONTROVERSY UNPROFITABLE.

As a rule the answering of controversial attacks on Masonry are entirely unprofitable. Unreasonable men are not convinced, and the present character of the Order is sufficiently known to its members to need no such agitation to strengthen it. Masonry is conservative. It cannot be true to its principles and encourage or allow the methods of traduction and personal abuse followed by its enemies. There may be local bodies where to endure the hardship of prejudiced misrepresentation will be severe; but even here it must be evident that the good work of the craft is not enhanced nor

the time well improved that is spent in answering the charges of enemies. True Masonic philosophy, practices the precepts of true charity and forbearance—let this extend to the feeling of pity for the ignorance of those who under the guise of reforming society waste their time and talent beating the air in frantic efforts to oppose a thing that so far as Masonry is concerned does not exist—if it ever did—in these enlightened Christian times. Let us do good work, true work, square work, but let us refrain from controversy.

LIBRARY NOTES.

There has lately been received at the Iowa Masonic Library for the Shrine collection a large nicely framed photograph of the official divan of Medinah Temple of Chicago, through Wm. Johnson, its Recorder, and from S. R. Ellison of Mecca Temple, New York, one of the Court of Isis, issued by that Temple.

Several fine Commandery membership badges have lately been received at the library for its collection, as follows: Watertown Commandery No. 11, New York, through J. S. Coon, Recorder; Syracuse Commandery, Syracuse, N. Y., through H. W. Greenland; Joseph Warren Commandery, Boston, through W. H. Gerrish, Recorder; Winslow Lewis Commandery, Salem, Mass., through Wm. M. Jelly, Recorder. Eugene Richards of Boston has contributed two fine exchange badges of the Joseph Warren and De Molay Commanderies.

This collection of membership badges already fills a fine large case in the library and is one of the most interesting collections now in the museum department of the same.

Already the itineraries of the Templar bodies expecting to go to Boston next summer are coming out. Some of the railroad companies are advertising quite freely too.

AMONG EXCHANGES.

The Cosmopolitan, New York, continues to spring its monthly surprise upon its readers in the wonderfully able articles by leading authors and its fine illustrations, making it the peer of the oldest and costliest magazines of the day.

We most heartily join in the proposition of *The Orient* that *Boston Ideas* shall make all arrangements for that editorial meeting in the "Hub!" Let the *Ideas* open a register for the enrollment of all who expect to be there. Put us down please, for full time.

The Investigator, Manchester, Iowa, 50 cents per year. Brothers A. L. Beardslee and Max Beehler, Editors and Publishers. This latest addition to our exchange list is a four-page journal in the interest of the Masons and Odd Fellows Union Aid Association and Fraternal Insurance.

The Midland Monthly, DesMoines, Ia., continues to surprise and delight us with its splendid table of contents each month. No person who is proud of western genius can be without it. The increased business has compelled the management to find more commodious quarters directly over the Marquardt Savings Bank.

Brother Masons, do you think a brother, is helping, aiding and assisting his brother Master Masons as he should when he has an ancient demit in his pocket, hey?

It is related of Charles and John Wesley that they were one time returning home from a meeting and chanced to pass by a fish market where some women were quarreling. Charles, who was a tender soul, wished to hurry on, but the practical John said: "No, Charles, let us stay and learn how to preach." If ministers knew more about men in general their interest would increase one hundred-fold.

...The FEZ....

Devoted to the Interests of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in North America.

CYRUS WALDGRAVE EATON.

PAST GRAND COMMANDER, K. T. OF IOWA,
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[We will here give the names of Representatives, date of their election, and name of Temple. Recorders will please forward returns on receipt of this.]

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El Jebel, Denver, Colorado—Dec. 16, '94, S. W. Chaney, A. F. Vick Roy, A. B. McGaffey and J. H. Peabody.

El Kalah, Salt Lake City, Utah—Arthur M. Grant.

El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Jno. Westley Geiger, vice C. W. Eaton, deceased C. Rap.; I. P., W. J. Jameson; Cl. Bl. W. N. Dearborn, Stone City; E. S. Childs, Waterloo. *Alternates*—1, W. S. Gardner, Clinton; 2, J. J. Smyth, Marion; 3, Matt Gaasch, Vinton; 4, A. D. Brown, Manchester.

El Katif, Spokane, Washington—Nathan B. Rundle.

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Medinah, Chicago, Illinois—Chester T. Drake, Robert M. Johnson, Thomas H. Currier, William Johnston.

Media, Watertown, New York—Dec. 10, Fred. W. Streeter; D. G. Eggleston.

Mohammed, Peoria, Illinois—Seth F. Haskins.

Moila, St. Joseph, Missouri—M. W. Steiner.

Moolah, St Louis—B. F. Nelson, G. W. Nieman, Otto F. Stifel.

Morocco, Jacksonville, Florida—O. Perie Havens.

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Oasis, U. D , Charlotte, North Carolina.

Oriental. Troy, New York—Henry Stowell, Franklin O. Stiles, Oliver Dexter, Jr.

Osiris, Wheeling, West Virginia—Matthew R. Wolff, E. E. Baldwin. Rev. R R. Swope.

Osman, Saint Paul, Minnesota—W. H. S. Wright, C. E. Stone, T W. Hugo.

Palestine, Providence, Rhode Island—George H. Burnham, Horace K. Blanchard, John S. Rogers, Geo. L. Shepley.

Pyramid, Bridgeport, Connecticut—Hugh Stirling, Thaddeus B. Beecher, Carleton E. Hoadley, Frank J. Haramore.

Rajah, Reading, Pennsylvania—J. Lew Rake.

Rameses, Toronto, Canada—Henry A. Collins.

Sahara, Pine Bluffs, Arkansas—John T. Marsh.

Salaam, Olney, Illinois—R. F. Powers.

Saladin, Grand Rapids, Michigan—Lou B. Winsor, Charles E. Fink, H. K. Dean, N. B. Clark.

Sesostris, Lincoln, Nebraska—John H. Mauritius, Melchert H Garten, Burrows H. Begole.

Syria, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—J. M. Kerr, W. S. Brown, James Arnold and Max Holmes.

Syrian, Cincinnati, Ohio—Levi C. Goodale, Jacob H. Bromwell, Morris L Buchwalter, Allen Andrews.

Tebala, U. D., Rockford, Illinois

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Tripoli, Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Eugene S Elliott, Luther L. Caufy William H. Brazier.

Yaarab, Atlanta, Georgia—H. C. Stockdell.

Zamora, Birmingham, Alabama—Ben. M. Jacobs.

Zem Zem, Erie, Pennsylvania—Frank G. Maus.

Ziyara, Utica New York—John W. Boyle, Edward Brown, Roderick Campbell.

Zuhrah Minneapolis, Minnesota—John A. Schelener, Roland H. Hartley, R. D. Russell.

THE GOOD KNIGHT SLEEPS.

We offer no apology for giving a portion of our space to this memorial which is sacred to the memory of him whom we delight to honor.

Cyrus Waldgrave Eaton, whose portrait and short life-sketch we published last month, was born in Bloomington, Vermont, September 21, 1838, and died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 12, 1895, in the fifty-seventh year of his age.

His boyhood days were spent on a New England farm, his early manhood on the banks of the St. Lawrence river in Canada. From there in due time he entered an active business life at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Eaton was married in 1868 to Miss Lydia Taylor of Ohio. Two children were born to them, both of whom died in infancy. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mrs. Eaton in this her last bereavement.

From Ohio he came to Cedar Rapids in 1869, where he has since been engaged in the hardware business. He served his adopted city as its first Chief of Fire Department, (five times re-elected); thrice he was chosen as Mayor, always displaying those sterling qualities that displayed his ability as a leader and organizer. Noble Eaton was made a Mason in Orleans Lodge No. 55, Barton, Vermont, August 5, 1865, and exalted in Trowel Chapter, No. 49, of this city. He was the first companion knighted in Apollo Commandery No. 26, K. T., in October, 1875. He has occupied various responsible positions and filled them all with honor.

In 1882 he was Eminent Commander of Apollo, during which time the Grand Commandery held its first encampment in this city. As a merited recognition of his ability and valued services he was elected Grand Generalissimo. One year later he headed the pilgrimage to the Grand Encampment held in San Francisco. He served as Deputy Grand Commander of Iowa in 1889, and was elected Grand Commander in 1890. He was also connected with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite bodies of this city. When El-Kahir Temple, N. M. S. was instituted, he was chosen as the Illustrious Potentate and was re-elected to that chief post among us each succeeding year until this time. He has been a regular attendant upon the conventions of the Imperial Council, filling various appointed offices in that body. At the last meeting in Denver last summer he was elected to the office of Imperial Assistant Rabban. At the time of his death he was at the head of the Imperial delegation to the Council that is to meet in September at Nantasket Beach, Mass.

His illness continued through nearly four months, slowly but surely sapping the vital energies of his seemingly iron constitution until on the 12th inst. he passed quickly and quietly away. He sleeps his last long sleep yonder beneath the beautiful trees in Oak Hill cemetery, whence we trust and believe he will arise in that last great day to the joyous immortality promised to those whom the Almighty Father of the Universe hath been pleased to mercifully release from the trials of this life. The high estimation in which our beloved friend was held is well expressed in the notices of his demise by the local press.

"If a man's name be written down as one who loved his fellow men it shall be with him even as it was in the beautiful dream of Abuo Ben Ahem, whose name led all of those whom love of God had blessed. Mr. Eaton was genuinely kind. He did kind acts naturally and without cant. He never listened to a story of distress unmoved, and his hand was ever ready to help when help was needed. He was absolutely loyal to his friends, and as is natural with such natures he made friends naturally and easily. Few men had more warm personal friends than he. Throughout the northwest the news of his death has been re-

ceived with expressions of real regret as the numerous telegrams of sympathy received by the family attest.

There was a tender vein in Mr. Eaton's character perhaps unknown save to those who were his nearest friends. His fondness and enthusiam for flowers was remarkable—his tenderness for dumb animals not less so, and this his dumb friends seemed to know as if by instinct. His home life was exceedingly pleasant. Within the precincts of his home he dispensed hospitality of the most cordial nature and he was never happier than when engaged in entertaining his friends."

From another daily paper of May 15, we have gleaned the following:

Yesterday afternoon, attended by a host of Sir Knights, together with all the formality of that order, the remains of Cyrus W. Eaton were borne to the tomb aud there laid away to await the last great day. It was fitting that one who had given so much of his time and energy to the growth and progress of this noble body should in death receive its most distinguished honors and ceremonies.

At 9:30 in the morning a private service was held at the house. After brief and feeling remarks and a prayer by Rev. E. R. Burkhalter, the remains were taken to Grace church, escorted by the Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders and a detail of Sir Knights from Apollo Commandery. Here, guarded by a detail of Sir Knights, they rested until the hour of the funeral. Hundreds of friends availed themselves of the opportunity thus offered to view for the last time the well known features of the well known and highly esteemed citizen. In front of the altar were grouped the numerous floral pieces sent by friends at home and abroad. Among the more elaborate offerings were the following: A crescent and sword of yellow and white roses and blue for-get-me-nots, from Medinah Temple, Chicago.

A beautiful shrine emblem of pink and white carnations, and pink and white roses from the Imperial Council of North America.

A star and crescent of white roses, carnations and lilies from Holy Cross Commandery No. 10, of Clinton, Iowa.

A sword and crescent of carnations and roses from Kaaba Temple, Davenport.

A cross of red carnations from the ladies of the Chrysantheumn club of Cedar Rapids.

An anchor of white carnations and white immortells from the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

A mammoth Templar cross of white carnations and Easter lilies from Apollo Commandery No. 26, of Cedar Rapids.

Other tributes without number were sent to the home, and the parlor, whose master had left it forever, was filled with these tender reminders of affection and regard.

Shortly before three o'clock Prof. Wm. J. Hall took his place at the great organ and played a series of funeral numbers while the friends were filling the audience room. First came the mayor and city council together with the members of the old volunteer fire department. Then the following Grand and Past Grand officers:

Grand Commander D. W. Clements of West Union, Deputy Grand Commander T. B. Lacey of Council Bluffs, Grand Generalissimo T. R. Ercanbrack of Anamosa, Grand Treasurer O. P. Hyland of Harlan, Grand Recorder Alf Wingate of Des Moines, Past Grand Commanders A. R. Dewey of Washington, E. O. Soule of Cedar Rapids, W. F. Cleveland of Harlan, James A. Guest of Burlington and T. S. Parvin of Cedar Rapids together with two hundred Sir Knights."

In addition to the members of Apollo Commandery of this city the following Commanderies were represented:

Patmos Commandery No. 27, Marion—I. P. Bowdish, R. LaGrange, C. H. Kurtz, E. J. Anderson, J. B. Smalley, E. B. Humphrey, P. S. Henderson, C. S. Berry, Dan R. Kinley, F. H. Hillard, C. E. Mitchell, W. B. Wells, Geo. W. Burnside, Jno. W. Geiger, Thos. Burbank, W. J. Collar, J. G. Fox, N. A. Baker.

Cyprus Commandery No. 37, Vinton—Frank Watson, Matt Gaasch, F. G. Ray, T. F. Tobin, Geo. W. Speers, Jno. B. F. Bunter, Frank P. Springer, L. A. Mitchell, B. M. Bills, E. M. Young, E. Narber, Wm. Knader, M. Meredith, W. G. Haskell, J. A. Bills, D. D. Johnson.

Bernard Commandery No. 14, Belle Plaine—J. M. Lehr, Wm. Lester, W. W. Benson, H. E. Wells, S. M. Johnson, Robert Rippin, A. W. Runkle, S. H. Brown.

Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 36, Anamosa—Wm. H. Dearborn, Geo. E. Dearborn, H. F. Dearborn, Samuel James, A. C. Comstock, J. B. McQueen, Ely Bickel.

Holy Cross Commandery No. 10, Clinton—M. S. Rizer, J. W. Bailey, W. S. Gardner, F. S. Roberts, F. E. Batchelder.

Gerard Commandery No. 56, Perry, Ia.—H. J. Holmes, J. R. Swearinger, H. E. Nichols.

Siloam Commandery No. 5, Dubuque—Chas. Pitschner, Jr., Richard Herrman, D. C. Glasser, J. D. Calehan, C. E. Wales, Abe Levenz.

Esbreaton Commandery No. 52, Estherville—G. A. Goodell, A. C. Brown, J. H. Carberry.

Nazareth Commandery No. 53, Manchester—A. D. Brown, C. C. Bradley, Tim Noble.

DeMolay Commandery No. 1, Muscatine—A. S. Funk.

Commandery No. 4, Des Moines—F. O. Evans.

Darius Commandery No. 7, Minneapolis—W. S. Mower.

Antioch Commandery No. 43, Mason City—B. F. Durkee, Fred F. Fugle.

Apollo Commandery No. 12, Albert Lea, Minn.—T. A. Alexander, Wm. Tweedy.

Kenneth Commandery No. 32, Independence—Matt Stewart.

St. Bernard Commandery No. 11, Mitchell, S. D.—Geo. McEldoon.

Trinity Commandery No. 16, Monticello—H. D. Sherman.

Columbia Commandery No. 18, Sioux City—Geo. W. Halleck.

"The service was the Knights Templar ritual, and was conducted by the officers of Apollo Commandery. A quartet consisting of General and Mrs. Geo. Greene, Mrs. T. A. Wilcox and W. B. Ross sang the hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "Come Ye Disconsolate."

At the conclusion of the service at the church the procession formed and proceeded to the cemetery, the two hundred Sir Knights acting as an escort. At the grave the beautiful service of the Templar ritual was carried out in full, Rev. Thos. E. Green, Prelate.

The pall bearers were Sir Knights James L. Bever, C. G. Greene, J. W. Geiger, Wm. Flanagan, Chas. H. French, James C. Tindall, with the officers of the Grand Commandery as honorary pall bearers."

For Mrs. Eaton, in this sad bereavement, we know we but voice the sentiments of all the Sir Knights and Nobles who knew her husband, as well as those who know her personally, that our heartfelt sympathies are extended to her in the hour of her greatest loss.

In the evening, as noted elsewhere, tribute was paid to the memory of Brother Eaton by various speakers, and a committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions.

This report we here present as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Brother Nobles of El-Kahir Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Dark shadows surround us as if reflecting Divine anger, and causes us to hesitate

and note the forebodings they suggest.

Our cavalcade has been summoned to halt, and the challenge eminates from a Supreme authority, too great to be disobeyed.

Our Chief,

CYRUS WALDGRAVE EATON,

Has Fallen.

The commanding voice, the stimulating presence of our magnetic leader is silent.

The keen sense of loss burdens the heart of every Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

With silent reverence we stand with bowed heads and breath the name of ABBA FATHER.

Our caravan stays while his Nobles weep.

Our Potentate:
With his home devotion;
With his unfaltering earnestness;
With his citizen's pride;
With his brotherly tie;
With his campanionable characteristics;
With his Knightly grace;
With his Noble zeal unbounded;
has been summoned from earth's environments to join the silent majority and now dwells beyond the stars.

But:—After the overwhelming burst of grief, we are wafted by the gentle breeze of recollection into the fond thought of his friendship; his companionship; his love; that love which he has left us, and which survives the tomb.

Often then comes to us a voice from the grave; sweeter than song; and unlinks all the chains that bind the hidden soul of harmony, and finds within the heart warm sympathy though object be not seen or voices heard, and that blend with melting tenderness all heaven's ambitions.

To our brother Nobles the thrilling memory of our departed Potentate comes with mellow notes; nor dies away—but for life everlasting.

Yes! Our Potentate rests.

He was touched by the finger of death and he sleeps.

But:—"Death is the crown of life;
Were death denied, poor man would live in vain.
Death wounds to cure; we fall, we rise, we reign;
Spring from our fetters, hasten to the skies,
When blooming Eden withers from our sight,
The King of Terrors is the Prince of Peace."

To his bereaved widow and friends we extend warm words of sympathy.

GEO. W. BEVER, Chairman,
A. R. DEWEY,
W. F. CLEVELAND,
W. S. GARDNER,
C. D. IVES,
Committee on Resolutions.

TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS.

The Imperial Officers, Illustrious Potentates, officers of subordinate Temples, and members of the Order, expressed their sympathy for our great loss in the following missives:

TELEGRAMS.

From Imperial Potentate W. B. Melish, of Cincinnati, O.:

"The entire Nobility of our Order mourns with the family of our dear friend, Noble Cyrus W. Eaton. Express to them our profound sympathy. Noble Eaton's great, generous heart is stilled, but his example and influence will be an inspiration for all time to come."

[A second message directed the purchase of an appropriate floral offering, as a tribute from the Imperial Council, which we obeyed.]

From Past Imperial Potentate Sam Briggs, of Cleveland, O., for Alkoran Temple:

"Alkoran mingles her tears with yours, and condoles with his family and the Nobles of El-Kahir. May the earth rest lightly upon Cyrus W. Eaton."

From Past Imperial Potentate Thomas J. Hudson, of Pittsburg, Pa.:

"I share your sorrow. Convey my sincere sympathy to the family."

From Past Imperial Recorder, Frank M. Luce, of Chicago, Ill.

"The Shrine has lost one of its best workers. Extend to the family, and the membership of your Temple, my sympathy."

From Imperial Chief Rabban, John T. Brush, of Indianapolis, Ind.:

"Your sad message of Noble Eaton's death, awakens sorrow in my heart, as it must in the hearts of all who knew him. I sympathize with El-Kahir in her great loss and grief."

From Imperial High Priest and Prophet, A. B. McGaffey, of Denver, Col.:

"Extend my sincerest sympathy to the family and friends. The death of so good a citizen, so loyal a friend and so zealous a Mason, will indeed be an irreparable loss to your city and state."

"From Imperial Oriental Guide, Ethelbert F. Allen, of Kansas City, Mo.:

"Extend to the Nobles of El-Kahir my sympathy. I regret that I cannot be present at the funeral."

From Imperial Marshall, W. H. S. Wright, of St. Paul, Minn.:

"We mourn with you and offer most sincere sympathy."

From Imperial Captain of the Guard, John H. Atwood, of Leavenworth, Kan.:

"It is indeed a bitter draught that fate has placed to the lips of the Nobility of the Mystic Shrine, and believe me, it is only the bonds of imperative necessity that keeps me from the side of Noble Eaton's bier. Abdallah Temple joins with El-Kahir in sorrowing for, and in treasuring the memory of the Imperial Assistant Rabban."

From Past Illustrious Potentate, W. M. Knight, of Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.:

"I cannot express my feelings of the great loss which we all sustain in the death of our beloved Frater and Noble."

From Illustrious Potentate Chester F. Drake, of Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.:

"Medinah mourns with the Nobles of Iowa, over the death of Noble Cyrus W. Eaton."

From Illustrious Recorder Wm. Johnston of Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.:

"I wish to express my sorrow at the death of Illustrious Noble Eaton. Have shipped a floral offering for Medinah Temple." [Our beloved Potentate was an honorary member of Medinah Temple.]

From Illustrious Potentate Edgar Allen and Illustrious Recorder Louis E. Wettling, of Tangier Temple, Omaha, Neb.

"On behalf of Tangier Temple we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Noble Eaton in their great sorrow and affliction, and with El-Kahir Temple, we deplore their loss of a more than Noble and Illustrious Potentate.

[From the same officers came a second message ordering the purchase of a floral tribute "the best that artistic taste will produce." Owing to the lateness of the hour, being the morning of the day of the funeral the order could not be executed; but El-Kahir no less heartily appreciates the fraternal courtesy.]

From Illustrious Potentate G. F. White, of Kaaba Temple, Davenport:

"Kaaba Temple mourns with El-Kahir over the death of their Illustrious Potentate."

[A beautiful floral piece was brought by special messengers Nobles W. F. Fidlar and J. P. Risley, from Kaaba, and this token of neighborly regard was highly appreciated by our Temple.]

From Illustrious Noble E. H. Hughes, of Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.:

"I sincerely regret the death of our friend C. W. Eaton, and am only too sorry that I cannot be preseut at the funeral owing to important engagements here. If there were anything I could do for him I would let them go, and would attend."

From Illustrious Noble W. F. Fidlar, of Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Ia.:

"Express my sympathy to all. Will try to attend funeral."

FROM MEMBERS OF EL KAHIR.

From Illustrious Noble Sidney A. Foster, of Des Moines, Iowa.:

"In loving memory, place a flower for my old friend and frater."

From Illustrious Noble F. L. Taylor, of Superior, Wis.:

"I deeply mourn the loss of our Illustrious Potentate, and dear old friend, whose place in El-Kahir cannot be filled."

From Illustrious Nobles, M. S. Rizer and W. S. Gardner, of Clinton, Iowa.

"Please convey to Mrs. Eaton our deepest sympathy. We will attend the funeral in company with others of the Clinton friends and Nobles.

LETTERS.

From Illustrious Noble Geo. B. Van Saun, of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"Your telegram was received giving the sorrowful notice of the death of our kind hearted and well beloved brother Eaton. Mrs. Eaton has my sympathy in this her bereavement. We shall, all of us, miss the genial face and strong friendly grip of our beloved brother Cyrus. I will surely think of you and the bereaved ones on the afternoon of Tuesday next."

From Illustrious Noble Judge G. R. Struble, of Toledo, Iowa:

"The circular notice conveying the sad intelligence that our Illustrious Potentate, Cyrus Waldgrave Eaton, had entered the Unseen Temple, was received. I was not surprised to learn of his departure as I knew he had been near the door, through which he has entered, for many weeks. I sincerely regret that he has gone from us. I have had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with Noble Eaton for many years. His devotion to the principles of Masonry is well known and appreciated throughout the state. He was a useful and faithful brother, ardently devoted to the cause of Masonry, and faithful in the discharge of the many duties that seemed to devolve upon him in connection with Masonic work. He will be missed from the great army of Masonry. His field of usefulness and efficiency as a Masonic worker was large, and it will be difficult, indeed almost impossible to supply his place.. I send this word that you and all the brethren may know that the departure of this brother does not pass with me unheeded, and I send my sincere and profound sympathy to all the brethren and the friends of the deceased with my assurance of appreciation of the loss that all have sustained in the death of this Noble, whose whole life has been so devoted to the cause and principles of Freemasonry."

From Illustrious Noble J. E. Henriques, of Chicago, Ill.:

"I have known for some little time that my old friend, Cyrus W. Eaton, had been confined to his house with a serious illness. I noticed in yesterday's Chicago papers that on Sunday morning he was compelled to enter the Unseen Temple where all good Masons are bound to go, and from which we can never return. I also received last evening the notice from the Recorder of El-Kahir Temple announcing the death of Mr. Eaton, and I regret it exceedingly that I was not able to take the train last evening and be present at the funeral ceremonies. Many Nobles and Templars whom I have met within the last few hours, and who have been made aware of the death of Mr. Eaton, have expressed great regret at his departure. Many of those who have known him as long as you have, and I might as well say myself, regret exceedingly the death of a very worthv friend and companion. Kindly express my feelings to such as you are aware that I have a personal acquaintance with in Cedar Rapids. Again regretting that I could not be with you this afternoon."

From Illustrious Noble Theodore Schreiner, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.:

"Your announcement of the death of our beloved Potentate came to-day. To me it is a personal bereavement. In a long life it has been my lot to meet with few such friends as Brother Eaton. My advanced years prevent my taking the journey else I would be present at the funeral to-morrow and join my tears with those of the Nobles of El-Kahir, and pay the last sad tribute to the worth of our Beloved Potentate Eaton. Convey my condolence to Mrs. Eaton and Nobles of El-Kahir Temple. I mourn with them."

From Illustrious J. H. Pettibone, of Burlington, Iowa:

"The sad news fills me with sorrow indeed. Though my acquaintance with him had not been of long duration, I had learned to know and appreciate, at least to some degree, the unfailing kindness of heart, unswerving friendship, sunny disposition, and restless energy, the many admirable qualities of heart and mind, better known to those who have had the good fortune of a longer and better acquaintance, the qualities that have endeared him to the hearts of so many. Whom have we to fill his place?"

From Illustrious Noble F. H. Loring, of Oskaloosa, Iowa:

"Truly the death angel passes by and "loves a shining mark." Eaton, the genial Brother, Sir Knight, Noble, is gone, and we all mourn. Yea, we shall miss him sadly, who shall fill his place? Please extend my sincere sympathy and condolence to his bereaved wife and friends."

From Illustrious Noble A. R. Dewey, of Washington, Iowa:

"To weep would be easy, and if I should follow the first impulse of my feelings I would freely do so. Oh, how I warmly thank you for your early information, and at once look for an opportunity to join you at the funeral ceremonies. Will you please convey to Mrs Eaton my warmest sympathy in this her hours of deep and keen affliction."

[Noble Dewey was present and paid an eloquent tribute of affection to our Potentate's memory at the evening meeting of the Temple.]

From Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Thomas J. Bishop, of Greenbush, N. Y.:

"Your telegram announcing the death of Noble Eaton caused me great surprise and corresponding sympathy for those bereaved ones at home. I had met Brother Eaton at each successive meeting of the Imperial Council for the past six years and the longer I knew him the stronger became my attachment. He made the trip last year to Denver with our party from the East and I then had substantial evidence of his kind and generous feeling for all. The entertainment given to that party by the Nobles of El-Kahir at Cedar Rapids, will not soon be forgotten, as I look upon that as one of the brightest memories of the trip, and the guiding hand of Eaton could be seen through it all. Your Temple has lost a great worker and a shining light has been taken from the fraternity at large. His loss will be felt in the Imperial Council, for had his life been spared, highest honors, I have no doubt, awaited him."

From Illustrious Potentate Geo. F. Loder, of Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y.:

"I was well acquainted with him. The fraternity has lost one of its brightest members. It will surely be a great loss to all the bodies of Cedar Rapids, and his place made vacant by death cannot be easily filled. I send my sincerest sympathy to his near relatives and the Masonic fraternity of which he was an honored member. Dear "Cy." none knew him but to love him."

From the M. W. Grand Master of Iowa, Hon. L. E. Fellows of Lansing:

"While the decease of Brother Eaton was not unexpected, it comes with sadness, and he will be greatly missed in Masonic as well as in business circles."

From Imperial Treasurer W. S. Brown of Pittsburg, Pa.:

"I find upon my return home your telegram announcing the death of Noble Eaton, and I deeply regret the necessity of expressing my sympathy to his family and friends. It was one of my pleasures at the meetings of the Imperial Council to hear the voice of Noble Eaton, whose loyalty to his friends and the cause I never had reason to doubt. Please express my heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends. The Imperial Council loses a valuable officer and the Shrine a loyal supporter."

From Illustrious Noble W. I. Babb, P. G. Commander of Iowa, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.:

"It is hard to realize that we will never hear the welcome sound of his voice again or receive the earnest hearty greeting which we were so accustomed to receive from him. How vividly I recall a meeting I had with him early one morning while at Spirit Lake at our last meeting. It was quite early—before breakfast—he was standing near the edge of the bluff looking over the lake. He spoke with enthusiasm of the beauty of the spot, and then his voice grew low and sad and he said to me: 'I feel that this is the last time I will ever meet with you at this place, and I have one request to make.' I inquired what it was. He said: 'I wish the boys would get a small stone and place it here,' pointing to a spot near where we were standing, 'and have engraved upon it my name and the words, Past Grand Commander of Iowa.' I tried to rally his spirits, but he seemed to feel strongly impressed with the feeling. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife and to those who were so intimately associated with him."

From Illustrious Potentate Frank T. Gilbert, of Ismalia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y.:

"It is with profound sorrow and regret, that I herewith acknowledge receipt of your notice, announcing the death of your beloved Potentate, Cyrus W. Eaton, and on behalf of Ismalia Temple, as well as personally, I desire to express to you and through you, to the Nobles of El-Kahir Temple, our heartfelt sympathy with them, in this their hour of bereavement. I am sure I voice the sentiment of every Noble of the Mystic Shrine, who ever had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Cyrus W. Eaton, when I say that no member of the Imperial Council ever endeared himself more to his associates therein, or impressed upon their minds more strongly the fact of his being a true Noble, a genial companion and a warm hearted friend, than Cyrus W. Eaton, and the sad tidings of his untimely death will cast a gloom over this broad land, wherever the name of Mystic shrine is known. At the next meeting of the Imperial Council, we will look in vain for the familiar form of Noble Eaton. His work is finished, his labors are over. He has joined the Great Caravan on the other shore, which has been forming since the world began, and which will continue to the end of time. But he has left behind a record of which any man may well be proud. And through his exertions El-Kahir Temple is now known as one of the foremost Temples in the land, and with a reputation for hospitality, second to none. To which all can testify who were fortunate enough to stop at Cedar Rapids when returning from the meeting of the Imperial Council, at Denver, in 1894. With best wishes for the future of El-Kahir.

From the Deputy Imperial Potentate, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"While I had been prepared for the worst, it was a surprise and shock to me, and I cannot express to you my sorrow to know that we shall never again grasp his manly hand or hear his pleasant greetings. The Order of the Mystic Shrine has sustained a most serious loss in his death. In the Imperial Council especially, will his absence be felt, and cause a void which cannot be filled. I remember Noble Eaton from the first visit made to the Imperial Council by representation of Kismet Temple down to its last session, and he has ever and always been my friend, supporter and adviser. Personally I shall miss him more than words can tell. In my opinion his influence in the discussion of all questions which have affected the Order, have always been cast on the right side, and in favor of the best interests of all concerned. As a man I have found him to be of a most genial disposition, honest as a man, and upright as a Mason should be, open and above board in all his dealings with his fellows; with a most charitable heart, and a conscientious and zealous worker in the fraternity. The loss by death, of such a man, should cause mourning in the land. I cannot speak of the great loss which your Temple has sustained, you can estimate it better than I can, but I am positive that one great fountain spring of unselfish devotion to your interests has been forever closed. Convey to your Temple my deep sorrow and earnest sympathy in this hour of bereavement, and to the members of his family the announcement that a true friend of Noble Eaton mourns with them.

THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS.

It rests on all the ages,—
  Those gone and those unborn;
It night's deep thought engages;
  It glorifies each morn!
Higher than hope or Heaven,
  Deeper than pain and loss,—
Faith's God-sent, matchless leaven,—
  The Shadow of the Cross?

Deep in death's darkest valleys,
  High on hope's holiest hills,
It every vanquished rallies,—
  It every victor thrills!
It soothes each sinner's terror,
  Seals sure redemption's cost,
Blots each regretted error,—
  The Shadow of the Cross!

Stronger than walls of iron,
  Thicker than gates of brass,
It guards the land of Zion,
  That evil may not pass!
Broad barrier of God's glory,
  'Gainst all sin's waves that toss,—
Theme of God's saving story,—
  The Shadow of the Cross!

Beyond the grave it stretches,—
  Beyond the gates of death,—
Where doubting, trembling wretches,
  Buy silence with their breath!
Up to the throne eternal,
  Past every fear of loss,
Symbol of gain supernal,—
  The Shadow of the Cross.

—*Clarence M. Boutelle.*

EL-KAHIR'S MEETING.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA., May 14, 1895.

A business meeting of this Temple was held in the parlors of the Masonic Temple, First avenue and Second street, in this city at 8 p. m. on the above date.

Chief Rabban Austin D. Brown, acting as Illustrious Potentate, called upon the following Nobles to occupy the stations necessary to carry on the business: Chief Rabban, Lew W. Anderson; Assistant Rabban, W. G. Haskell; Ceremonial Masters, Ed Parker and W. W. Hamilton; Captain of the Guard, C. D. Ives. Other regular officers present were: Treasurer, J. L. Bever; Recorder, Jno. W. Geiger, and Director, E. I. Aiderman.

The acting Potentate opened the Temple. The Recorder announced that owing to the death of our beloved Illustrious Potentate Cyrus Waldgrave Eaton, on Sunday morning, May 12, 1895, and the necessary arrangements for his funeral, he had issued the following notice:

WOE! WOE!

OUR CHIEF IS FALLEN!

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE, N. M. S.
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA., May 12, 1895.

Illustrious Nobles, Attend:

Our beloved Potentate, Illustrious Noble Cyrus Waldgrave Eaton, entered the Unseen Temple this morning at 4 o'clock.

His funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon, May 14th, at 3 o'clock p. m., under the charge of the Knights Templar. The Nobles will assemble with the Templars at the Masonic Hall, First avenue and Second street, at 2 o'clock p. m.. Templars should bring their uniforms.

NOTICE THIS.

A business meeting of El-Kahir Temple will be held in their rooms in Masonic Temple at 8 p. m. on the day of the funeral of our Potentate.

Yours faithfully,
JNO. W. GEIGER,
Recorder.

Telegrams expressive of the sympathy of the sender were received from the following:

The Imperial Potentate, Illustrious W. B. Melish, of Cincinnati, O.; Past Imperial Petentate Sam Briggs of Cleveland, O.; Past Imperial Potentate Thomas J. Hudson of Pittsburg, Pa.; Past Imperial Recorder F. M. Luce of Chicago, Ill.; Imperial Chief Rabban John T. Brush of Indianapolis, Ind.; Imperial H. P. and P., A. B. McGaffery of Denver, Col.; Imperial Oriental Guide E. F. Allen of Kansas City, Mo.; Imperial Marshal W. H. S. Wright of St. Paul, Minn.; Potentate of Abdallah Temple and Imperial Captain of the Guard of Leavenworth, Kansas, Jno. H. Atwood; Past Potentate W. M. Knight of Chicago, Ill.; Potentate Chester T. Drake of Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.; Recorder of Medinah Temple, Wm. Johnston of Chicago, Ill.; Edgar Allen and Louis E. Wettling, Potentate and Recorder of Tangier Temple, Omaha, Neb.: Illustrious Potentate of Kaaba Temple G. F. White of Davenport, Ia.; E. H. Hughes of Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.; Hon. Sidney A. Foster of Des Moines, Ia., and F. L. Taylor, of Superior, Wis.

Letters of sympathy were received from the following persons: Geo. B. Van Saun, Judge G. R. Struble of Toledo, Ia.; J. E. Henriques, Esq., of Chicago; Father Theodore Schreiner, Grand Tyler of Iowa Grand Lodge, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; J. H. Pettibone, E. C. of Knights Templar, Burlington, Ia.; and also G. J. W., Grand Commandery of Iowa.

After the reading of the above telegrams and communications the following Committee on Resolutions was appointed:

Geo. W. Bever, Chairman; Hon. A. R. Dewey, W. F. Cleveland, W. S. Gardner and C. D. Ives. They were instructed to prepare suitable resolutions upon the memory of our departed Potentate and forward them to the Recorder to be incorporated in

the memorial notice which he will forward to the membership of this Temple.

On motion, Geo. W. Bever, M. M. Hall and C. H. French were authorized to wave jurisdiction in cases where it is deemed expedient on the application of neighboring temples therefor.

It was moved and carried that, "Out of respect to the memory of our deceased Potentate, all ceremonial meetings be indefinitely postponed;" which was accepted by general consent to mean until after the Imperial Council of 1895, (Sept. 2).

Owing to the postponement of ceremonial meetings, and it being deemed inexpedient to incur the expense of calling another business meeting prior to the Imperial Council, it was decided to elect a Representative to fill the vacancy in our Imperial Delegation caused by the death of our Illustrious Potentate.

The acting Potentate appointed Nobles W. P. Cleveland and D. W. Clements as tellers.

Nobles George W. Bever and John W. Geiger were placed in nomination. Noble Bever declined the nomination, and it was then moved and carried that the tellers be instructed to cast the entire vote of this Temple for John Westley Geiger to head the delegation of Representatives to the Imperial Council of 1895.

The following Alternates were elected by acclamation in the order named: First, W. S. Gardner; second, J. J. Smyth; third, Matt. Gaasch; fourth, A. D. Brown.

The acting Potentate then announced that remarks, especially to the memory of our deceased leader and chief, were in order; and responses in a vein of noble sentiment were made by Nobles Judge Dewey, Senator Cleveland; W. S. Gardner; Grand Commander G. W. Clements, and the Recorder.

There being no other business the Temple was closed.

JOHN W. GEIGER, Recorder.

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA.—OFFICE OF THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

CINCINNATI, April 30, 1895.

To the Representatives of the Imperial Council, to all Potentates of Subordinate Temples, and the Nobility of our Order:

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

The Twenty-First Annual Session of the Imperial Council will be held at Nantasket Beach, Mass., (eight miles by steamboat and fifteen miles by rail from Boston, Mass.) on Monday and Tuesday, September 2d and 3d, 1895.

The first day's session will commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

The headquarters of the Congress will be at the Rockland House.

The rate agreed upon by the Hotel Proprietor is $3.50 per day per person (American plan.)

All Nobles who will be in attendance are respectfully requested to correspond with Noble Benjamin W. Rowell, Recorder of Aleppo Temple, 28 School Street, Boston, Mass., in reference to rooms, that accommodations may be secured in time, as the capacity of the hotel is limited.

Yours in the faith,

W. B. MELISH,
Imperial Potentate.

Attest: B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder.

We were all shocked who heard of it, to know that Bessie, the 6-year-old little daughter of our dear Noble Fred McArdle, was killed, being run over by a street car in Cedar Rapids, May 16, 1895. 'Tis amid these scenes of sorrow that we should be drawn near the heart of Him who is compassionate to all His dear children. May God bless the sorrowing parents.

TIDINGS FROM THE ORIENT.

BY GEN. JNO. C. SMITH.

CAIRO, March 21, 1895.

My Dear Brother Geiger:—From the Grand Oasis of the great desert of the Libyan we say to you *Es salam Alekum* "Peace be with you," and may thy day be happy, which betokens that we, I will not kill or hurt you for that "when General Smith gets around the world, this item and that calm and dignified cut will stare him in the face." You little thought that it would do so in this the home of the ancestors of the *three* illustrious Nobles, whose portraits do so much to illumine the page before me, and save you my dear Brother Geiger from being beheaded by the Nobles of this oasis for reproducing the portrait of Noble Smith. You little know what a great risk you ran in printing that number of your otherwise valuable publication, for had you failed in any one of the four portraits and a copy have reached here, your life had paid the penalty, for all the Nobles named are well beloved by their fellow Nobles of the Libyan desert.

We have passed safely o'er oceans and seas and journeyed pleasantly through many lands, thanks be to Allah, and now we are beginning to enjoy ourselves. Daughter has been very ill and I am but beginning to improve, yet we are each better than when we left Japan. We are in the hands of the Bedouins. To-day we have been at the Grand Assembly of the Pashas at the Great Pyramid of Cheops, and this evening we paid our devotions to the Khedival family.

PLACE D'ARMS—MONTREAL.
ON THE LINE OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

On Saturday we lunch with Egypt's fair princess, and are dined by veteran Shahine Makarius Bey, and Sunday are received by all the Nobles in their Pearl Shrine. Friday you know is the Moslem Sabbath. Next week we are to have a grand reception, and Wednesday we join in the closing festivities of the Great Ramazan.

The latter part of the week we leave for

600 miles and more up the Nile to see the Nobles of that far country and hear the greetings of the Divan of Medinah Temple. High up on the list of Beys are the names of Nobles William M. Knight, Chester T. Drake, and that Prince among the Sheiks, Robert M. Johnson. It is recorded that should either one of these famed Nobles ever visit this oasis, that a Pearly Temple and Palace is to be set apart for each of them, and one hundred Houris assigned to comfort and solace them for their absence from the Oasis of Chicago. I am empowered by special Firman to explain to the good wife of each, that they will be returned in safety to their homes, after having had a taste of the future paradise which awaits all true Nobles.

But the Sheik awaits me and I must Salam and away.

Yours in the faith,

J. C. SMITH.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE RECORDER, EL-KAHIR TEMPLE, N. M. S.

MARION, IOWA, May 20, 1895.

As the time is near at hand when arrangements must be made for the trip to Boston and Nantasket, we would notify Nobles of El-Kahir and their families that a circular will soon be issued giving details of the Official Route for Iowa and the expense attending. Meanwhile let all notice the Imperial Circular and other items on this subject printed in this Journal.

Your Faithfully,

JNO. WESTLEY GEIGER,

Recorder.

The handsome face of our Imperial Recorder will adorn the pages of the Fez department next month. This article too was put back one month to make room for our memorial articles.

Persons who may wish additional copies of this number can have them at one dollar per dozen while the surplus lasts.

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

This month we have such a deluge of magnificent Shrine notices that we hardly know where to begin.

RAMESES, Toronto, Can., held a pleasant session March 29, at which time a number of candidates were installed. Toronto expects to do the agreeable to Nobles enroute via their city to Boston and Nantasket. As El Kahir goes via The Grand Trunk, our camels will be groomed on the evening of August 23, at 6 p. m. Tie up the dogs, Noble Zaradagh will be there.

APRIL MEETINGS were held by Ben Hur, on the 5th, at Austin, Texas; Rajah, Reading, Pa., on the 10th; Syria, Pittsburg, Pa., on the 11th; Osman, St. Paul, Minn., on the 16th.—That telegram notice was a success and a novelty; Ararat, Kansas City, on the 18th, included ladies night; Sahara, Pine Bluff, Ark., on the 18th; Aladdin, Columbus, O., on the 19th, notice contains two fine half tone groups of the caravan, taken by some Arab with a Kodak on the spot; Hella, of Dallas, went to Waco on the 19th, and judging from reports they got there and back, without being held up. Their notice is a novelty; Zuhrah, Minneapolis, Minn., on the 24th. Brother Myers puts a solemn question into his notice. Medinah, Chicago, had thousands, (hey?) well, they say an overflowing time on the 26th, in their new preceptory, but its only a hint to the crowd we'll have next September, when the Nantasket bathers homeward fly. Three fine half tones grace the notice. By their Royal foreman, we note that Ishmalia, Buffalo, N. Y., on the 29th. A notice for April 19, for a meeting in Olean, N. Y., was included in the Royal Yard Square in our hand. Tangier, Omaha, had a good time on the 29th; they send a blank application out with all notices, and from appearances it must take like blazes. Well, we leikum all right. Kismet, Brooklyn, N. Y., held a meeting on the 29th, and had a good time.

MAY MEETINGS.—Up to the time of making up copy, the fifth of the month, we had notices as follows:

EL KATIF, Spokane, Wash., had a meeting May 11, for which a notice reached us May 9.

MOHAMMED, Peoria, Ill., also holds high carnival on the 29th, with a steamboat ride, and evening banquet with the ladies present.

RAJAH, Reading, Pa., announces a special with torch lights and fire works parade. "Arouse ye! stir your lethergo!" is good Noble Phil.

ZAMORA, Birmingham, Ala., went to Mobile, so the notice says, on May 9, for the purpose of transporting a large class of novices.

RAJAH, Reading, issues her "most sublime edict" for May 29, in great shape, while Past Potentate G. E. Haak requests Recorders to keep his name on their list.

MEDINAH, Chicago, gave a May party in their new rooms on May 10, the purpose of which was to give the ladies a chance to visit the temple. Of course it was a success.

PYRAMID, Bridgeport, Conn., presented a call for a special session for May 9, and judging by the flight of the Noble, pursued by his camel, they must have had a rushing time at Bridgeport

ISIS, Salina, Kan., goes to Wichita on the 15th of May to take up the discussion of the doctrines of the "Perfectionists." The dogmas of China are to be taken up "after the war!"

OSIRIS, of Wheeling, W. Va., went to Fairmont on the 9th, taking with them four chaplains, four undertakers and four doctors. We'll not be alone in the Kaaba bye-and-bye, for there are four (preachers) of our kind in that temple.

MOROCCO, Jacksonville, Fla., sends us a neat notice of its meeting for May 15, and facetiously pretends to be in the "Desert of Florida," Illustrious Noble Clark. We Iowans have a lot of Orange groves down there and the owners aver it to be anything but a desert place.

ALEPPO, Boston, for the 7th. Notice printed on a turkish rug, the same proclamation noticed their theatre party held April 19th, which caused "a run on the bank" to succeed so well. We take our revenge on their Recorder in another column of this journal.

SYRIAN, of Cincinnati, sent us a magic key to the lunch basket for May 11th. We bet our Imperial Potentate a baked clam we can whisper another use for that key in his ear when we meet again. All the same that notice, with Osman's telegram goeth into our Museum of Kuriosities.

MOHAMMED, Peoria, celebrates on May 29, steamboat ride at high noon, 12 m. Lunch on board. Business and ceremony at 4 p. m. in the Temple, banquet at 9 p. m., ladies present. Recorder Wallace has a fine half tone picture of "music," which we had ordered for our June meeting, but will now call her off and put on "Almee."

From KAABA, Davenport, Ia., comes the announcement of a meeting for May 7; also a copy of their By-Laws and Register of Members. The report of their Trustees shows a total income to January 1, 1895 of $4,602.73, with expenditures to the amount of $4,249.58. The inventory of their property amounts to $5,790.76. Present membership 718. This Temple is in a most flourishing condition. Hail, Kaaba.

It is not good Masonic sense, much less good Masonic law, to try to secure legislation for others, under which we do not want ourselves to come in submission.

TWO NEW TEMPLES.

It was originally our expectation to present quite extended notices of each of the splendid additions to our Iowa Masonic buildings and as well to give numerous portraits of those prominent in the local interests of the same.

MASON CITY TEMPLE

was begun last fall, and with the energy that usually characterizes those Northern brothers, it was ready for dedication by Tuesday, February 26, 1895. It is one of the most complete in every particular that we have ever seen. We are pleased to present a cut of the building which belongs, from the ground up to the members of our fraternity.

WASHINGTON TEMPLE.

This beautiful Temple, of which we give both an outside view and the ground plan, was dedicated on Tuesday, April 2, 1895, W. Brother Geo. W. Ball, of Iowa City, acting as M. W. Grand Master on the auspicious occasion. We greatly regret that the crowded condition of our columns prevents the presentation of the group of handsome and noble looking officers and members of the Washington Masonic bodies, as they appear in the *Washington Journal* of April 3, 1895.

From a notice in *The Freemason* we presume it to be the practice for the serving of "Notices of Motion" for consideration at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge in Canada.

There is an Arab lodge of Freemasons held in Cairo, Egypt. It is held under the Italian constitution, and it is said there are about thirty others in that country. Upon the altar rests the Koran, the Mohammedan Scriptures. The whole work is conducted in the Arabic tongue, and corresponds for the most part, with the ceremonial familiar to most of us.—*New Zealand Craftsman.*

CAMEL TRACKS.

Pack your water bottles (in the bottom of the box) grab a chunk of dry bread and a whiff of brickstein cheese and away over the sands.

As water seeks its level, so will the designing, self-seeking individual who disturbs the peace of Masonry, flow finally to his own place.

The Temples can afford to keep a weather eye open for the fellows who forget that they owe dues to keep in good standing. Make 'em show their passports, Sahib.

The fellows who hide in the cactus hedges or under the sand piles of the desert, whom the Recorders can't find, will wake up some day to find that they're not in it any more.

The Camels are going eastward too, going by way of Boston town; going right along with the Templars, and going to be with them till the last bean is eaten and the last clam baked.

At this writing the echos of the coming friendly tussle for place seemeth to strike with a familiar sound upon our ears. We say the best men for the highest places, all things being equal.

Chapter news is not so scarce as the Companions are slow to drop us a penny postal card, giving the mere fact of any work of interest. But then, it is no use to complain. We still hope and hustle.

Recorders of Temples, who wish us to notice their meetings earlier will greatly facilitate the end if a postal card with the name of the temple and the next meeting date, be sent us as soon as time is fixed. Try us and see us get hold of the rope.

"'Tis lodge night, dearest, don't sit up,
I may be late you see;
I hardly know what friends I'll meet,
And then I have my key."
"All right," she answered with a smile,
Her words were always few,
But she suggested 'ere I went
That I take the keyhole, too.

In the present stirring times, it is a duty incumbent on the lodges of Masons dispersed as they are, not only throughout this kingdom, but in every country under the canopy of heaven, to show themselves to the world as a body endued with a corresponding activity in the performance of every moral and social duty. The world expects from us the blooming fruits of an institution which professes to investigate science, and to make it subservient to the mind and heart.—*Oliver.*

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